

**PATENT**

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**APPLICANT: SCOTT BENTON**

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**TITLE: BRACED TIMBER TRUSSES**

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the first Office Action, dated July 20, 2007 (*Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time*, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and requisite extension fee of \$525.00 (small entity) being concurrently remitted via EFT), please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated on the following pages: